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August 13, 1976

Mr. Thomas L. Wilson
Manager of Mines
Atlas Minerals
Big Indian Mines
Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Patti Ann Mine
ACT/037/003

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Having received no objections of substance subsequent to the Division granting tentative approval on the Patti Ann Mine, this mining and reclamation plan is now granted final approval pending the posting of adequate surety to cover the cost of reclamation.

As we discussed earlier, surety can take any one of various forms. A reclamation contract (MR Form 6) between the Board and Atlas U.S.A. seems to be the most reasonable form in your case. The reclamation contract is included herewith for your reference.

If a blanket agreement for the whole of Atlas' mines in the Big Indian district is desirable to you, I think we can work out the details of this also. Meanwhile, to expeditiously carry through approval of the Patti Ann I suggest a separate contract for reclamation work.

Enclosed is the estimated surety amount for the Patti Ann, this will be presented to the Board during their next meeting (September 22nd) for approval unless we hear different from you. Please let us know one way or the other however, if the surety is within the range of your estimates.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Daniels
Coordinator of Mined
Land Development

RWD/lc

Enclosed: MR Form 6 (Mined Lands Reclamation Contract)
Bond Estimate